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Warmer.
Southwesterly winds.

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PASSED IT OVER HIS VETO

Hoover Pension Bill Caused a Lively Debate of Two Hours.

RIVER AND HARBOR REPORT

Conferees Agree on All But Six Items. President Will Veto This Bill Also, But the House is Confident—Cheers When Talbert of South Carolina Voted for the Pension Bill.

When Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, yesterday voted with the Republicans in the House to pass a pension bill over the President's veto he was given a continued round of applause that was only suppressed by the vigorous rapping of the Speaker's gavel. Mr. Talbert then attained considerable reputation by both in and out of session vehemently protesting against the granting of pensions to those whom he designates as "coffee-coolers, camp followers and hospital rats." He has insisted that this class of applicants be relegated to oblivion and the common soldier be given a chance.

It is evident that the fiery South Carolinian considered the cause in question one in which the interests of the plain private were involved.

TWO HOURS' LIVELY DEBATE.

A lively debate of two hours preceded the passage over the Presidential veto by a vote of 196 to 47, the bill granting a pension of \$50 per month to Francis E. Hoover, late of the Twenty-third Indiana Regiment.

The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Rep. Kansas; Wood, Rep. Illinois; and Willis, Rep. Delaware, advocating the passage of the bill; Messrs. Edmunds, Ben. Tennessee; Van Hise, Rep. California; and Bartlett, Dem., in favor of sustaining the veto.

All the Populists and Republicans generally voted for the bill and the Democrats against it. The following Republicans, however, voted to sustain the veto: Messrs. Lusk, California; Bailey, Missouri; Quigg and Wadsworth, New York; and the following Democrats: Messrs. Cockrell, Texas; Cummings, New York; Layton and Sore, Ohio; and Stokes, Strait and Talbert, South Carolina.

This was preceded by half hour's statement by Mr. Grover regarding a telegram from Washington to the Cincinnati Tribune, which "lined him up with the Red men" in voting to oppose the reporting of any reciprocity bill from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Passing the "lining up with the Red men," by the observation that he might be found in worse company, Mr. Grover denied the report that there were any factions among the Republicans on the Committee on Ways and Means, asserting that they had acted as a unit upon all matters.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

The conference report on the river and harbor bill presented late yesterday afternoon indicates that an agreement has been reached on all but six items, two of these being in reference to Santa Monica and San Pedro harbors.

This shows that an unexpectedly rapid progress has been made by the conferees and justifies the prediction that against next Monday the bill will be ready for submission to the President.

It is stated as a certainty by an official of high standing after a personal conference with the President on the subject, that the bill will be returned to Congress with an executive veto.

Attention has frequently been called to the fact that Mr. Cleveland has never signed a river and harbor bill, but has invariably permitted them to become law without his approval. It has been supposed that he would make no exception in the present instance, but the announcement of a veto comes something in the nature of a surprise.

The impression prevailed that if no direct appropriation was made for Santa Monica harbor that the bill would be allowed to become a law at the expiration of the constitutional ten days' limit.

PRESIDENT WILL VETO.

It now transpires that the President is convinced that the enormous sum of nearly sixty million dollars carried by the bill in the shape of future contracts is an excessive amount, and that he will not sign it. He has never in any way approved. He feels that it is time that this plan of anticipating the future should be severely rebuked. Consequently he has determined to veto the bill simply because of the contracts carried.

The leaders at both ends of the Capitol are not in the least disturbed by this prospective veto, but announce their ability to have the measure passed over such veto. This can be easily done should the votes in both Senate and House be even approximately those by which the bill was originally carried. If a stumbling-block to such action should develop it must be in the Senate, but there were but half a dozen dissenting votes recorded against the bill.

B. & O. ROLLING STOCK.

Court Grants the Petition of the Road's Receivers.

Baltimore, Md., May 21.—Judges Goff and Morris in the United States circuit court today heard the application of Receiver Cook and Murray of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to issue receivers' certificates to the amount of \$50,000,000 to provide funds for paying various debts and for improvements of the road.

At the same time the court was asked to suspend the issue of \$3,400,000 of trust certificates, which have already been partially negotiated, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the purchase of 5,000 new freight cars and seventy-five locomotives.

The judges signed both orders, but in the latter case it was with the provision that it should not become operative for two days.

It is understood that \$5,000,000 receivers' certificates will be negotiated by Europe, J. P. Morgan & Co., the New York bankers.

MAY BE MCKINLEY'S MATE

Gen. Horatio Porter Confers With Committeeman Hahn.

Platt Men Say He Is Slated for Second Place and Warner Miller for Secretary of Treasury.

New York, May 21.—The arrival in this city last night of William M. Hahn, the Ohio member of the Republican National Committee, occasioned much speculation among the Republican managers at the Fifth Avenue Hotel as to the object of his visit.

Mr. Hahn would give no information, but an incident that occurred at the hotel this morning satisfied the politicians that he had come here to have a consultation about the Vice-Presidential nomination.

At 9:30 o'clock Gen. Horatio Porter, who has been spoken of as McKinley's running mate on the Republican ticket, entered the hotel and asked for Mr. Hahn. A minute later he was in Mr. Hahn's room. A conference, lasting an hour, followed, and after Gen. Porter left the hotel, Mr. Hahn started for the Ohio committee.

The Republican managers would say anything about their conference, but the crowd of politicians in the State headquarters were sure that Mr. Hahn had made the final arrangements with Gen. Porter to take second place in the national ticket.

The Platt men asserted after Mr. Hahn's departure that the McKinley managers' plans included the nomination of Gen. Porter as Vice President and the appointment of Warner Miller as Secretary of the Treasury in the event of McKinley's election.

Before Mr. Hahn had his conference with Gen. Porter, he said to a reporter: "I came to New York on private business. The contest for the Republican nomination for President is settled. McKinley will be nominated on the first ballot. He is not named by nomination. There is a great deal of talk of McKinley's attitude on the currency, but the talk does not come from the delegates. They know where McKinley stands and they are not asking questions."

HAMPTON PUPILS GRADUATE.

Booker T. Washington Made an Eloquent Address.

Port Monroe, Va., May 21.—Hampton Institute and its one thousand students and teachers celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary today.

The trustees and a thousand guests from the North and South crowded the shops, classrooms and grounds.

The graduates, dressed in white, twenty-two negro and Indian young men and women received diplomas and fifteen young men trade certificates, filled three hours of the afternoon. Plantation melodies were sung by hundreds of voices, practical speeches were made by members of the class and several old graduates made addresses.

Diplomas were presented to the trade graduates by the Rev. Dr. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, and to the senior classes by Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of Philadelphia, president of the board of trustees.

SIXTEEN TO ONE OR BUST

Tillman Carried South Carolina Convention With This Cry.

IRBY MADE A BITTER ATTACK

Taunted Tillman With His Presidential Bid and Said the "Dear, Old, Rotten Party" Would Not Elect Him—This Provoked a Scathing Retort and Brought the Pitchfork In.

Columbia, S. C., May 21.—The State convention, which took a recess last September 1 next, at 2 o'clock this morning, did exactly what Senator Tillman expected it to do, and was practically unanimous for free silver, "at 16 to 1, or bust."

The feature of the convention was the fight made by Senator Irby to have the delegates bound to abide by the action of the National Democratic Convention.

The battle between Tillman and Irby, the erstwhile close friends, was waged without mercy, and has been much talked of today. Irby poured hot shot into Tillman, referring to him as "this Edgemoor Democrat."

Irby, as State chairman, said he would be recreant to his duty did he not endeavor to keep the Democracy of South Carolina true to its colors. The "dear, old, rotten party," he said, "was good enough to elect some people to the United States Senate, but it was not good enough to elect some people to the Presidency," and that was what was at stake.

He told the convention that to dodge the boiling issue would cause them to be hissed as traitors and enemies in disguise.

PITCHFORK BROUGHT IN.

Tillman's reply was very severe. He was charged to the cheeks and the back of the neck, and he was called a "rotten party." Tillman said some harsh things. Today Irby says that he did not give any one of Tillman's assertions the lie, though many so understood him. In regard to Irby's taunt about his Presidential bid, Tillman said:

"Whatever else may be said of me, no one has ever accused me of being a fool. Therefore, when they accuse me of having a Presidential bid, they are simply magnifying the purpose and hopes of my heart. I have done my best to elevate and liberate the people of South Carolina and the nation is to do it in the national field in those other down-trodden States, what I have done here."

"If I should receive the Presidential nomination I should accept it with the same misgiving which many of you heard me express when I was nominated here in 1890. Because I would realize the greatness of the task that I would have before me."

He said they should not be frightened by the show of lightning they had seen there into pledging themselves to sticking to the gold bugs. He wanted the convention to be called together again in case the delegates had to come back and get further instructions.

SENSATIONAL PLATFORM.

As was expected, the platform adopted denounces President Cleveland's administration in no unmeasured terms in accordance with Senator Tillman's desire at attacks the federal judiciary; declares for a graduated income tax; denounces the issue of bonds in time of peace; declares for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; demands the abolition of the national banking system; the enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission to prevent the consolidation of railroads and formation of trusts, and a national constitutional convention "to restore the government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

There is not a plain in the platform that creates any surprise as Senator Tillman's views are pretty widely known by this time.

The delegation elected to Chicago is headed by Tillman and there is not a man on it who will not follow him from the convention hall to the White House. A fight was made against one of the strongest reformers in the State because the convention was suspicious that he would not bolt, and he was left out.

Tillman has done all that he said he would do. He was chairman of the committee that presented the platform and it was not changed at all.

LAST OF THE LEXOW CASES.

District Attorney Follows Moves That May Be Dismissed.

New York, May 21.—Justice, in the criminal branch of the supreme court early today acted on the last batch of police indictments that grew out of the Lexow investigation. When the court opened this morning District Attorney Follwell made a short speech reciting the history of the investigation carried on by the Lexow committee. The indictments against various police officials and officers that resulted.

BECOMES SUDDENLY RICH.

Iowa Widow Inherits Estate of James Hickey of Liverpool.

Boone, Ia., May 21.—Mrs. Maria McNeil has been notified that she has become a rich woman by the death of her uncle, James Hickey, of Liverpool, England, who died intestate, April 22, and left an estate of \$200,000.

Mrs. McNeil and a nephew of the deceased are the sole heirs. Mrs. McNeil is the widow of John McNeil, the Chicago and Northwestern engineer who went down with his engine on the night of the disaster at Moline, when Kate Shelby saved the passenger train. She saw his train go down, and rushed into the steam to warn the passenger train, then due.

McNeil's body was never recovered and his wife has been in straightened circumstances since. She will leave for Liverpool at once to secure her inheritance.

STORM AND FLOOD OUT WEST

Missouri Is Deluged by Rains and Swept by Cyclones.

St. Louis, Mo., May 21.—A climax was reached in the deluge that has been sweeping over this city and the country south to night. Every stream is pouring great floods into the already swollen Mississippi, and a disastrous flood seems certain.

Specials from various points in Kansas bring details of disasters by cyclones last night.

At Arkansas City, Kas., settlers living in the strip five or six miles south of this city today report that three different cyclone clouds swept their section of the country. No lives were lost, but much damage was done, and on a dairy ranch thirteen head of cattle were killed.

A genuine twister passed from southwest to northeast near the town of Olpe, passing directly over the ranch of the Hughes Brothers, tearing a portion of their dwelling house to pieces, and throwing it across the Santa Fe tracks.

The barns, corrals, and outbuildings were all blown away. William Hughes was caught in the wreck of the barn and it is supposed he is fatally injured.

At Burlington, Kan., a cyclone passed one mile west of the city yesterday evening, blowing down a building on the farm of W. H. Clark.

RALLY OF LIQUOR'S FOES.

Rousing God Temple Mass Meeting in Mount Vernon Church.

The grand rally of the God Temples of the District held last evening at Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church was well attended and altogether a most interesting meeting.

The principal speakers of the evening were Senator Tamm and Mr. E. W. Brown, grand chief of the God Temple. An enjoyable feature was the excellent vocal and instrumental selections rendered by members of the order.

The meeting was opened with a welcome song by the audience, followed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Smith.

Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of the church, made a brief reference to the temperance movement as the one great question which was today before the people.

Senator Tamm referred to the fact that the temperance speech was loudly applauded, within the sound of his voice there was maintained in the Capitol building a barometer of the sentiment of the people.

During the evening Mrs. Seeley sang very sweetly "Sweetest Day by Day" and Prof. Gorman played "The Last Rose of Summer."

OLNEY ENTERS A PROTEST

Spain's Leaf Tobacco Edict Not to Be Tolerated.

HURTS AMERICAN CITIZENS

Manufacturers in This Country Have Great Quantities of the Product Stored in Havana—The Note Is Said to Be Vigorous and Will Be Backed by the Senate.

Secretary Olney has instructed Minister Taylor to make vigorous representations to the Spanish government relative to the recent edict prohibiting the exportation of tobacco from the island of Cuba, on the ground that it amounts to the practical confiscation of goods in Cuba owned by Americans.

The data on hand at the State Department, supplied by the collectors of the Florida ports, show that the cigar men of Tampa alone have \$700,000 worth of tobacco in Cuba paid for and subject to delivery, and that for all the other Florida ports there is as much more.

It will be impossible for the merchants to get this property out of Cuba within the prescribed time, and Minister Taylor has been instructed to make such representations to Spain as will secure ample time in which to secure this property. It is believed that the tone of Mr. Olney's note will accomplish this result.

IN EVENT OF REFUSAL.

If it does not, other means will be taken. The Spanish government professes that this action is taken in order that Cubans loyal to the government in Havana engaged in the cigar business may have the leaf to work with, and that hostility to the United States has nothing to do with it.

A resolution has been prepared, and if within a few days the State Department does not hear satisfactorily from its protest this resolution will be passed by Congress. It will give the President authority to prohibit, by proclamation, the importation into the United States of cigars and other manufactured tobacco from the island of Cuba.

Inasmuch as the greater part of the Cuban cigars are exported to this country, this step will effectively offset the action taken under the edict of the captain general.

NO PRECIPITATED ACTION.

The resolution will not be brought forward until it is apparent that Spain intends to harass the United States and make it impossible for her citizens to get the property now on the island for which they have paid.

A joint expedition, consisting of the Laurada and Three Friends, is alleged in Spanish circles here to be on its way to Cuba. The Laurada left New York several days ago and the Three Friends, now in Florida waters, is said to be destined to join the Laurada at some point in the Florida Keys with the intention of proceeding to Cuba.

These suspicions are entertained by the Spanish minister here and he has communicated them to the United States authorities. The revenue cutter is on the alert in Southern waters to intercept or seize any vessels attempting to violate the neutrality laws.

EXCITED OVER SILVER.

Indiana Republican Managers Worried by the Pressing Issue.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 21.—The Republican managers are greatly exercised over the prospects of free silver being made the issue in this State, although Chairman Gowdy declares that the free silver Republicans will not vote the Democratic ticket.

He said in an interview yesterday that while there are many freer silver Republicans in the State, they are not so numerous as to be a factor in the election, and will vote with the Republicans on this issue.

There are nearly 30,000 Populists in the State and the Republican managers have figured out that if 75 per cent of these Populists vote for the Democratic ticket, it will make a close call for the Republicans. It was decided by representatives of the wing of the Democratic party yesterday that it is their duty to make a fight against the adoption of the free silver platform. There will be a gold-silver conference tomorrow early next week, when plans will be laid.

It has been suggested that Congressman William D. Byrum be the candidate of the gold Democrats for the nomination for governor.

He is willing to make the fight, although he and his friends do not believe there is any prospect of winning.

DEMOCRATS' SINGLE PLANK.

Wyoming Democrats Have Nothing But Silver in Their Platform.

Laramie, Wyoming, May 21.—The Wyoming Democratic Convention held here today was harmonious. Without discussion a platform of but one plank was adopted as follows:

"It is resolved that we, the Democracy of Wyoming, demand free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at primary redemption money at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for action of any other government."

The delegates to Chicago are: Ex-Gov. John E. Osborne, Carson county; Robert Foote, Johnson county; G. W. Bramel, Albany county; T. Dyer, Laramie; M. L. Blake, Sheridan; and J. W. Sammon, Uintah.

No mention was made of President Cleveland or his administration and no choice of candidates for the Presidency was expressed or discussed by the convention.

GAIL HAMILTON VERY ILL

Suddenly Seized With an Attack Like That She Suffered Here.

Relatives Are Much Alarmed Over the Condition of the Well-Known Authoress.

Beverly, Mass., May 21.—"Gail Hamilton" was taken suddenly ill last night. Dr. S. E. Taylor was called immediately and was with Miss Dodge all night. Her relatives are considerably worried over her condition.

This attack is similar to the sudden illness with which she was stricken in Washington a year ago. Mrs. J. C. Richards, of Wenham, the nurse who so faithfully attended her at Washington, and who accompanied her on her trip home from that city, has been summoned.

TWO MURDERERS CONVICTED.

One Seized the Other and Dashed Him to the Floor.

London, May 21.—The trial of Albert Milson and Henry Fowler for the murder of Mr. Henry Smith in his residence, Muswell Lodge, Highgate, on February 13 last, ended today in the conviction of the prisoners, who were sentenced to death.

After the sentences were pronounced Fowler seized Milson, who was standing by his side, and dashed him to the floor. The warden sprang at Fowler and pulled him away from Milson, but it was with great difficulty that the frenzied man was overcome.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY.

Public Celebration of the Holiday in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 21.—Confederate Memorial day was appropriately observed here today under the auspices of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association.

Public exercises were held at the Confederate Cemetery, Gen. Frank A. Moseley acted as master of ceremonies, while Hon. Charles T. Cates, Jr., delivered a patriotic address after which the graves of the dead were strewn with flowers.

HER BODY NOT TO BE CREMATED.

New York, May 21.—It was finally decided this morning by the relatives of Mrs. Hill, the Colonnade Hotel suicide, that there shall be no cremation, and that the body be shipped to Indianapolis this afternoon. Judge Hill told Undertaker Matney to obey any instructions he received from Col. Keith, Mrs. Hill's father. A telegram received this morning from Col. Keith asks that the body be sent on immediately.

Be Was Maximilian's Comrade.

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, May 21.—Gen. Silvio Martinez, postmaster here, and one of the celebrated generals of Mexico, is dead. He took a prominent part in the French war and was made a prisoner of war by the Emperor Maximilian, and both were sentenced to be shot at the same time, but at the last moment Gen. Martinez's sentence was commuted to imprisonment in the Oaxaca fortress, where he remained for several years until pardoned.

Shot His Wife and Himself.

SCORE UNDER THE RUINS

Many Killed or Injured in a Building's Collapse at Buffalo.

IT WAS BEING REPAIRED

Two Were Killed, Another Will Die and a Number of Others Sustained Severe Wounds—Collapse Was Sudden and Complete—Fire Department Summoned—Remarkable Escapes.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 21.—A section of the Seneca street front of Brown's building collapsed at 5:20 o'clock this morning burying a score of people in the ruins.

George Metz, a barber, and Jennie Griffith, a cleaner in the barber shop, are dead; William F. Straub, a contractor, is known to be in the ruins, and a dozen others are more or less injured, one of whom will probably die.

Those at the hospital are: Jacob Langdon, barber, scalp torn and body contused; William Alexander, steam fitter, scalp wounds and body bruised; Jacob Rickman, barber, injured about body and head; S. L. Hawke, carpenter, skull fractured, only one eye saved; James Adams, mason, No. 72 Chandler street, scalp wound and injured hip; Michael O'Brien, carpenter, wrenched back and scalp wounds; Joseph Boland, plasterer, injured internally; Edward Murphy, plasterer, right arm injured; Fritz Forman, German laborer, badly bruised.

BEING REPAIRED.

Brown's building stood on the corner of Main and Seneca streets and for years the Western Union Telegraph Company had occupied the ground floor corner as a business office, and all of the fourth floor as an operating room.

The building was filled with offices, many of which were occupied, and on the ground floor on both Main and Seneca streets were stores occupied by merchants. The Western Union left the building a few weeks ago and the owners of the block began the work of remodeling and strengthening it. On the Seneca street side, the work was engaged in putting in place new columns and beams and new foundations for them.

Nos. 8 and 10 Seneca street were unoccupied, the principal alterations being made at that point. No. 12 was occupied as a barber shop by George Seibert, and No. 14 by James Clegg's jewelry store and Thomas Jones' news stand. The offices on the floors above were nearly all tenanted and altogether there were probably fifty people in the collapsed section. The walls fell with a crash, taking down roof and ceiling with them.

RUIN WAS COMPLETE.

Iron columns were twisted and buckled, and had been soft wires. Heavy wooden beams were torn to pieces like paper. Pillars of brick crumbled to pieces, not strong enough to resist the weight that had fallen upon them.

Here and there could be seen people who had not been caught in the falling debris rushing to a place of safety. The outer wall fell into the street, burying those who had not had time to escape.

A cloud of dust arose from the debris, hiding the ruins from sight and covering the people in the street.

The fire department was called, and with the police and workmen, who came rushing to the fallen building, the work of rescue was begun. Some of the people who had been in the building were saved almost miraculously, having been pinned in by the falling timbers and walls. They were taken out as quickly as possible and given surgical attention.

In Seibert's barber shop were nine barbers, the girl cashier, and several customers. When the crash occurred all made a rush for the front door but the falling bricks drove them to the rear, where they were caught in the falling debris.

Those in front rushed into the alley only to be met by the falling rear walls under which Metz was buried and killed. The others crouched in a corner of the shop until the avalanche ceased when they made their way out.

CASHIER WAS KILLED.

The cashier had her desk in the front behind a wire cage. She was unable to get out of it in time, and others and perished beneath the falling wall.

The experience of the occupants of No. 14 was somewhat similar to those in the barber shop, but all escaped without injury.

KILLED BY A STEAM PIPE.

In a Lowell Factory.

Lowell, Mass., May 21.—One of the most frightful accidents that has ever happened in this city occurred in the Appleton Mills this morning.

The long exhaust pipe which conducts the steam from the engines fell from the ceiling of the mill before 6 o'clock, the body of Miss Griffith was found and removed to the morgue. Straub's body has not yet been found.

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